K College Counseling Center Advisory Committee

Counseling Center Mission

The Kalamazoo College Counseling Center supports the mission of the College in preparing its graduates to “better understand, live successfully within, and provide enlightened leadership to a richly diverse and increasingly complex world.” We are committed to assisting students in overcoming personal, emotional, and psychological issues that may negatively impact their ability to reach their academic goals and to live successfully at K and in our richly diverse and complex world. We are committed to assisting students in acquiring the skills and strategies requisite to becoming responsible decision makers, effective problem solvers, and enlightened leaders.

Counseling Center Advisory Committee Responsibilities

The Counseling Center Advisory Committee will assist Kalamazoo College Counseling Center to best meet student needs related to mental health services and support, as well as mental wellness promotion efforts. Specifically, the Advisory Committee will assist our staff in the following ways:

- Serve the Counseling Center as student advocates
- Serve as liaison between the Counseling Center and students
- Advise the Counseling Center in developing policies, services, and programs to best meet the needs of K College Students
- Ensure quality mental health and wellness services by transmitting student concerns and interests to the Counseling Center administration
- Assist in the selection of Counseling Center staff as appropriate and actively take part in the interviewing process
- Assist in exploring best ways to reduce the stigma of mental health treatment
- Assist in exploring best ways to reach underserved student populations

The committee will convene once a month at a time agreed upon by committee membership each year. The committee will be jointly co-chaired by a student member and the Director of the Counseling Center. Committee membership will include the Counseling Center senior staff members and up to five student members.

Advisory Committee Candidates

Candidates for this position must have the following:

- Desire to improve the overall mental health of students on campus
- Credibility among the student body in order to represent the student voice in advocating and informing the committee’s work on mental health related issues important to all
students

- Ability to inform fellow students in a non-biased and non-judgmental manner
- Ability to recognize and respect boundaries and confidentiality
- Willingness to promote and participate in mental health related events on campus
- Ability to work independently and follow projects to completion